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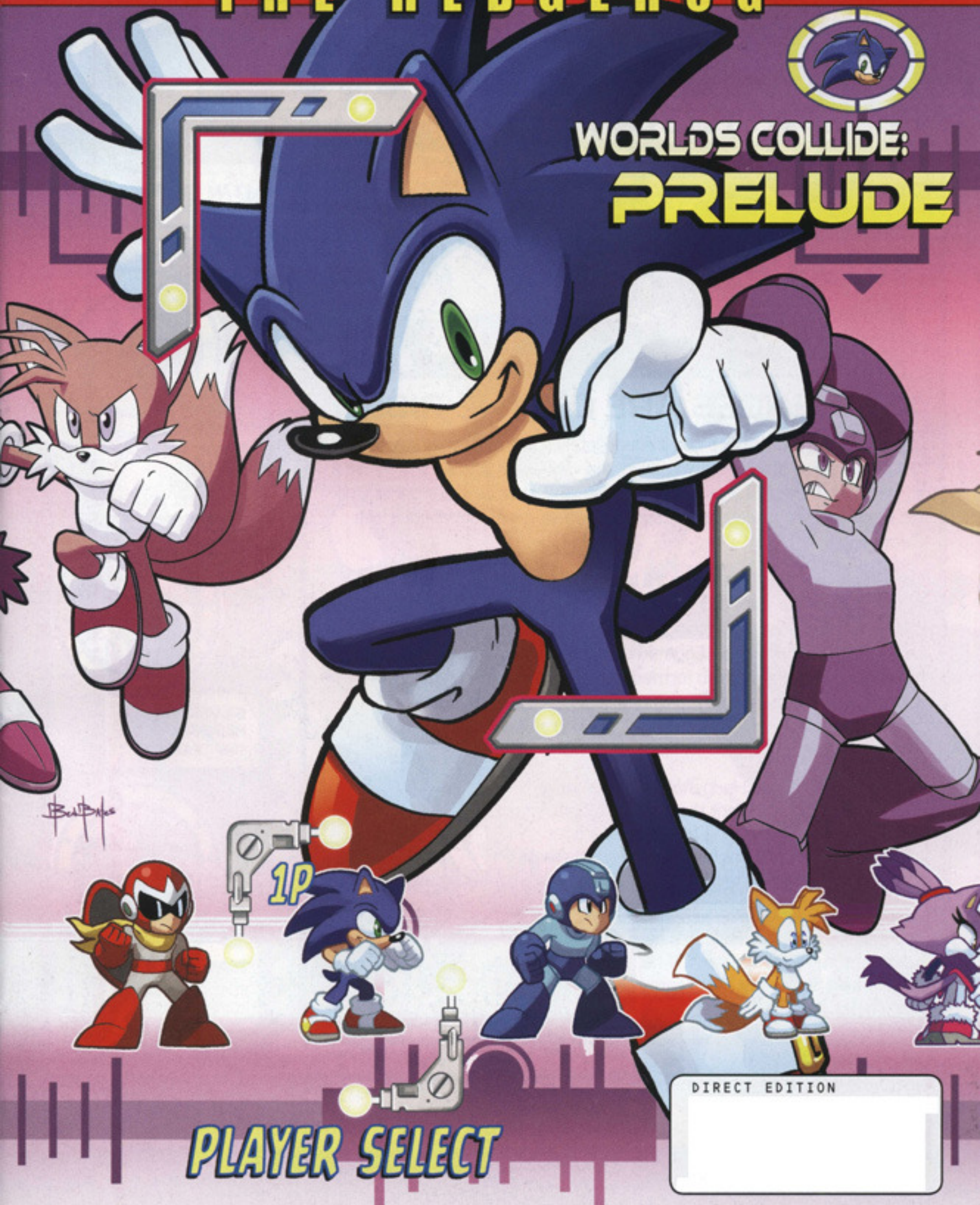

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Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures – A world unique & beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Sonic and his friends work to save the world from the forces of evil!!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

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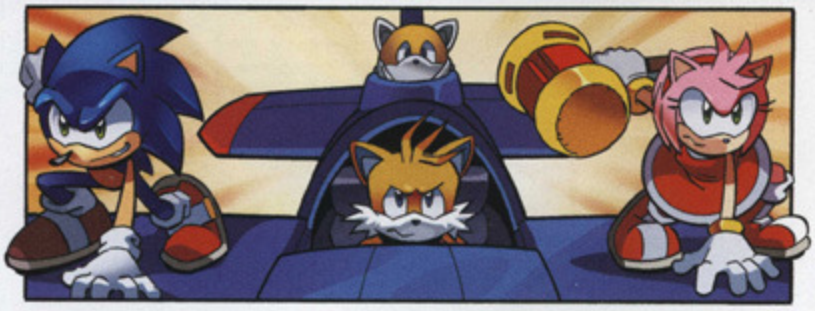


THE HEROES ARE ON THE RISE!

Sonic and his friends have had it rough lately. Just after they'd driven out the invasion of the Iron Dominion, the vile wizard Ixis Naugus arrived to claim the throne of New Mobotropolis – their home. During this time, Dr. Eggman was secretly completing his latest, greatest creation: the Death Egg II.

In the days after the Death Egg II's launch, Sonic's team of friends – the Freedom Fighters – fell apart. Antoine D'Coolette was put into a coma, Bunnie D'Coolette went missing, and Sally Acorn was roboticized and weaponized, becoming Dr. Eggman's newest killer robot. To save his friends and the world, Sonic formed Team Fighters with Miles "Tails" Prower, Amy Rose and T - Pup to chase down the Death Egg II and rescue Sally. They've finally tracked him to a refueling station in the arctic.

Meanwhile, Silver the Hedgehog has been time-traveling, trying to prevent the horrible future from which he came. According to legend, a traitor among the Freedom Fighters destroyed the team and paved the way for disaster.

Silver's made some false assumptions and accusations, but now he's certain he's identified "The Traitor". If he doesn't help Sonic stop "The Traitor" now, it could be too late.

Who's Who

TEAM FIGHTERS
SONIC'S STRIKE FORCE

ARCTIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS
HEROES OF THE NORTH

SILVER THE HEDGEHOG
TIME TRAVELER

TEAM FREEDOM
ROTOR'S HEROIC HOME-TEAM

THE ARCTIC TUNDRA: INSIDE EGGMAN'S FORTESS -- MOMENTS BEFORE BATTLE...

WE'RE SAVING SALLY. WE'RE STOPPING EGGMAN.

AND I'M GOING TO HELP.

AND YOU THINK THAT'LL FIX THE FUTURE?

...I DON'T KNOW. IT'S A START.

ALL RIGHT...

...AS LONG AS YOU MEAN THAT...

...WE'RE COOL.

LET'S GET MOVING. SAME PLAN AS BEFORE, BUT NOW FERN-HEAD GETS TO ADD HIS PSYCHO MUMBO-JUMBO TO THE MIX.

MY TEAM WILL COVER YOURS...

...AS YOU LOOK FOR THE PRINCESS.

COOL.

HEY, SILVER--JUST HOW DID YOU KNOW WE'D BE IN THE ARCTIC AT THIS POINT?

UH...ER... I'M PSYCHIC, REMEMBER?*

*NICE TRY-- SEE SONIC #246!

SO GUNTIVER! WHAT *IS* THE PLAN?

FLIP SCOUTED AHEAD AND FOUND AN UNDERWATER TROOP TUNNEL LEADING STRAIGHT FROM THIS BUNKER TO THE DEATH EGG. WITH THE ALARMS DOWN AND THE FORCES HERE DESTROYED, WE'LL SNEAK IN RIGHT UNDER EGGMAN'S NOSE.

FEELING COLD NOW?

NO.

I'M JUST NOT WILD WALKING DOWN SOME RICKETY PIPE UNDER SO MUCH WATER.

SPEAK SOFTLY AND TREAD LIGHTLY. AKHLUT'S POD* IS EVERYWHERE, AND THEY MIGHT HEAR US.

* A "POD" REFERS TO A GROUP OF WHALES.--EDITOR.

IT'S TOO DARK. LET ME LIGHT THE WAY SO WE CAN--

WE'RE SURROUNDED! SWIMMERS --COVER US!

SILVER-- GET THE REST OF US TO THE DEATH EGG!

R-RIGHT!

I'M *NOT* GETTING SIDELINED. DEEP BREATH, TAILS!

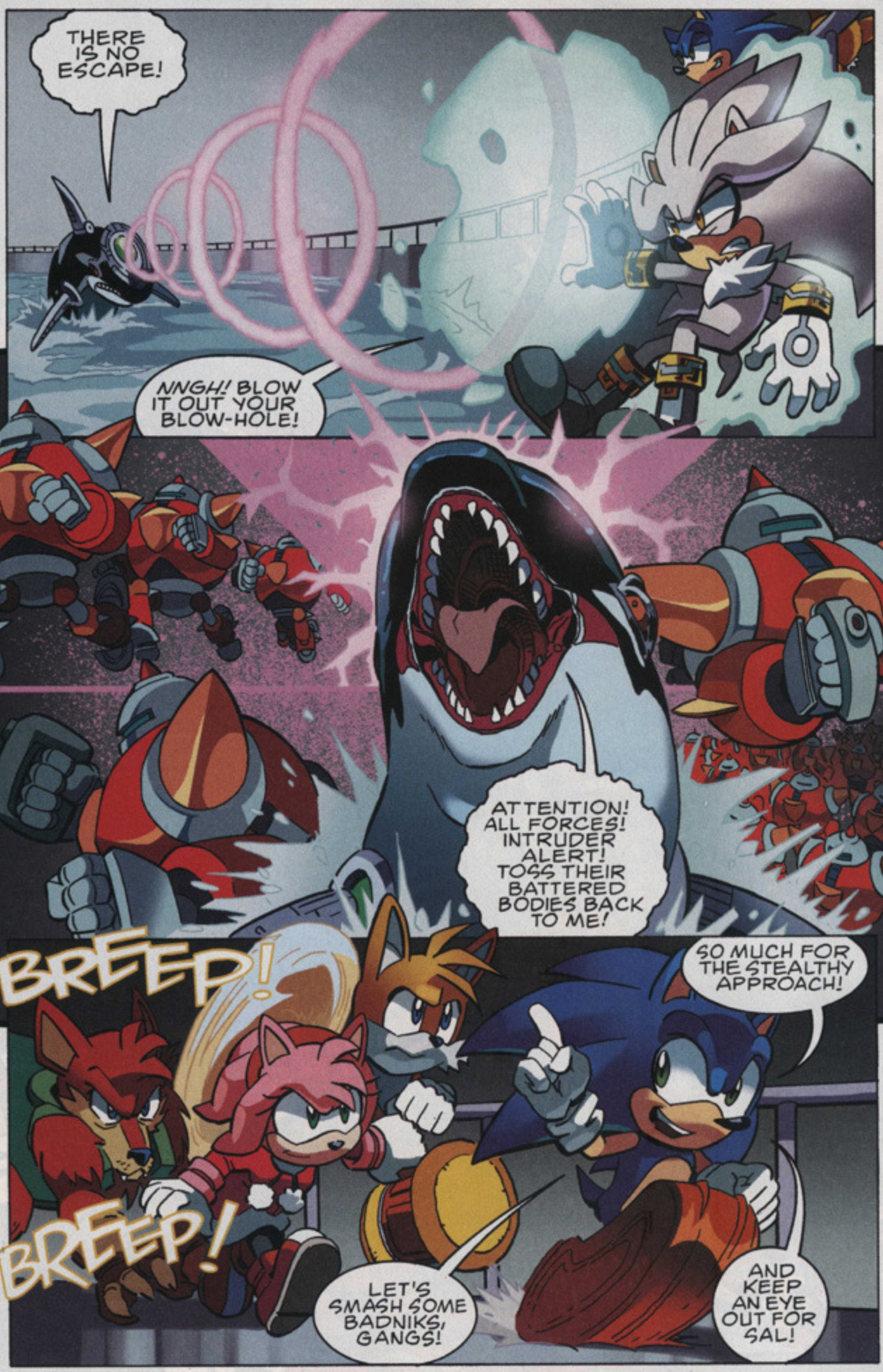
RIGHT!

RARGH!
THAT POWER ...IT'S THE SAME THAT TOUCHED THE MINDS OF MY POD...*
*STH #216.
YOU RUINED OUR HOLD ON THE WALRUSES! VENGEANCE FOR MY WARRIORS!
VENGEANCE!
MY WARRIORS--
--FIRE UPON THE SILVER HEDGEHOG!

AUGH!

NO ONE TOUCH THEM! THEY'RE MINE!

SPOOSH!


THERE IS NO ESCAPE!
NNGH! BLOW IT OUT YOUR BLOW-HOLE!
ATTENTION! ALL FORCES! INTRUDER ALERT! TOSS THEIR BATTERED BODIES BACK TO ME!
BREEP!
BREEP!
SO MUCH FOR THE STEALTHY APPROACH!
LET'S SMASH SOME BADNIKS, GANGS!
AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SAL!

IT APPEARS WE'VE BEEN INVADED, SIR.

WHAT?! HOW?! I HAD THAT BUNKER BUILT SPECIFICALLY AS AN EARLY WARNING BASE!

DEY BE TEARIN' UP DE INSIDES OF DE DEATH EGG, EGG-MON. (MOSTLY AKHLUT'S FAULT, THO'...)

I JUST HAD THIS PLACE FULLY REPAIRED!

EGGMAN TO MECHA SALLY! GET TO THE LOWER DECKS--

...AND SLAUGHTER TEAM FIGHTERS AND ANYTHING ELSE WITH A PULSE! NO PRISONERS!

WE'RE CUTTING THINGS TOO CLOSE--AGAIN! *WE'VE GOT TO SET OFF THE GENESIS WAVE NOW BEFORE SONIC RUINS EVERYTHING. ORBOT, READY THE INTERDIMENSIONAL PORTAL. ALBERT BETTER BE READY TO GO...

*STH #225.

TIGHT FORMATION. COVERING FIRE.
COLLATERAL DAMAGE IS ACCEPTABLE.
HEADS UP! SHE'S HE-ERK!
MECHA SALLY
FORMER HERO, CURRENT ROBOTIC SLAVE OF DR. EGGMAN
ARGH!
AUGUSTUS!
YOU'RE COMING HOME, SAL!
THANK YOU FOR THE POINT-BLANK SHOT, SWEETIE.

MEANWHILE IN THE CITY HOME OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS, A PLAN HAS BEEN HATCHED TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH BEHIND A DEADLY EGGMAN SLEEPER AGENT...

MOTHER! I AM GOING OUT TO TRAIN WITH TEAM FREEDOM FOR THE REST OF THE DAY!

MIND THE RAIN, DEAR! DON'T OVEREXERT YOURSELF!

Schlurp

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS--POWER STATION...

Schlurp Schlurp

SO IT *WAS* YOU. I DON'T APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING TO MY NANITES!

I WAS RIGHT! BAD DOLLY! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

SELF-REPAIR COMPLETE.
OBJECTIVE: DESTROY POWER PLANT TO WEAKEN CITY.
OBJECTIVE: DESTROY POWER SCRUBBERS, RELEASING ROBOTROPOLIS RADIOACTIVE WASTE INTO WEAKENED CITY.
OBJECTIVE: DESTROY TEAM FREEDOM!

ZZZARTT!

BOOM

MEANWHILE...

TARGETS LOCKED! DEATH TO THE EMPIRE'S ENEMIES!

I...I DID IT! SHE WAS ABOUT TO...

NICE WORK. DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD, SILVERFISH.

WHAT THE--A TIME-SHIFT?

OH, NO... THIS IS--!

The Genesis Wave has struck again!
This time the effects reach across not one world--but two!
The Sonic and Mega Man™ crossover begins with
Mega Man™ #24 available now at your local comic shop!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

THE STORY SO FAR...

THE EGGMAN ARRIVES

Welcome to Sonic's world! Once a lush and wondrous land, it was nearly ruined by the conquest of Dr. Ivo "Eggman" Robotnik. The Eggman Empire has gone by many styles and many names, but its standards for evil are known world-wide. Dr. Eggman's Badnik Horde threatened the whole planet, and half the planet's citizens were enslaved; turned into mindless robots through the process of "roboticization."

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

But there are many who stand against the doctor, most famously Sonic the Hedgehog. He runs at the speed of sound, he shatters Badniks with his rolling Spin Dash, and is the coolest hedgehog around (and he knows it, too). Joining him are the Freedom Fighters – his childhood friends who've grown up fighting the Eggman Empire.

SONIC STRIKES BACK!

After Dr. Eggman's initial take-over, Sonic and the Freedom Fighters struck back from their village of Knothole, hidden in the Great Forest. Their little rebellion grew, and they managed to retake their home city of Mobotropolis for a time. But Dr. Eggman would not stay defeated for long.

A WORLD AT WAR

The war has been long and costly. Dr. Eggman lost Mobotropolis (excuse us – his "Robotropolis") to a nuclear strike. Sonic lost all of Knothole when the Great Forest was razed to the ground by the doctor's Egg Fleet. From base to base, city to city, continent to continent, to space and back – Sonic and Dr. Eggman have been battling for the fate of the entire planet for years!

TEAMS UNITE

In his travels, Sonic has found a number of friends and allies: Knuckles the Echidna and the Chaotix, who protect the flying continent of Angel Island and its Master Emerald; Shadow the Hedgehog, Team Dark, G.U.N. and the United Federation as a whole; and dozens of Freedom Fighters gathered in teams around the world.

THE FIGHT CONTINUES

Now Sonic leads his own small strike team called Team Fighters. Together they travel the globe, inspiring freedom, driving out Dr. Eggman's influence, and tracking down Sally. They're effective, but the empire's reach is far, and Dr. Eggman has the Death Egg II at his command. ■

AND THE STORY CONTINUES...

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CONVENTION CATASTROPHE!

Dr. Wily retreated to the mysterious Lanfront Ruins in the Amazon, allowing Mega Man to enjoy some rest as Rock – or so you'd think. The anti-robotics extremist group, the Emerald Spears, attacked a robotics trade show and planned to terrorize the city's New Year's celebration. Both times Mega Man confronted their fanatical leader, Xander Payne, and stopped his murderous ambitions.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Meanwhile, Mega Man's long lost brother, Blues, was traveling the world. His faulty power supply ensured he was living on borrowed time, but he refused to let Dr. Light repair him. Blues feared the modifications would alter who he was. He nearly changed his mind once, but found out he'd been seemingly replaced by Rock and Roll.

THE PRODIGAL SON

Blues traveled to the Lanfront Ruins to find his final resting place. Instead, he awoke to find Dr. Wily had swapped out his failing power source and saved him. Now Blues is "Break Man," Dr. Wily's honor-bound, embittered enforcer and part of an ever-growing army of robots and Robot Masters preparing to conquer the Earth!

AND THE STORY CONTINUES...

MEGA MAN™

THE STORY SO FAR...

Mega Man was originally built as the helper robot "Rock," model number DLN-001. He and his sister, Roll, were meant to be both lab assistants and children to the brilliant robotics inventor, Dr. Thomas Light. His dream: to help create a future where humans and robots coexisted in peace and prosperity. To that end, Dr. Light and his long-time friend, Dr. Albert W. Wily, created the first Robot Masters.

FROM LAB ASSISTANT TO SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT!

The dream became a nightmare when the jealous and bitter Dr. Wily stole Robot Masters and turned them into his personal army. Humanity was defenseless! To protect everyone and save the world, Rock had himself turned into Mega Man, the super fighter robot!

DR. WILY IS CAUGHT, BUT NOT FOR LONG...

Mega Man was successful in foiling Dr. Wily's first attempts at global domination and rescuing his Robot Master "cousins". But Dr. Wily wouldn't be dissuaded. He built eight more Robot Masters, this time designed for combat, and tried to destroy Mega Man's home city. It was a bitter battle, and Mega Man was nearly lost (in more ways than one) but Dr. Wily was defeated once more.

AFTER ALL THE DAMAGE YOU'VE DONE, YOU'RE JUST GONNA LEAVE? *OH*, NO, YOU DON'T! YOU'RE NOT JUST SOME SNIPER JOE! LET'S SEE WHO'S UNDER THE HELMET!
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?!

TIME'S UP, MEGA MAN! **The CROSSOVER EVENT is HERE!**
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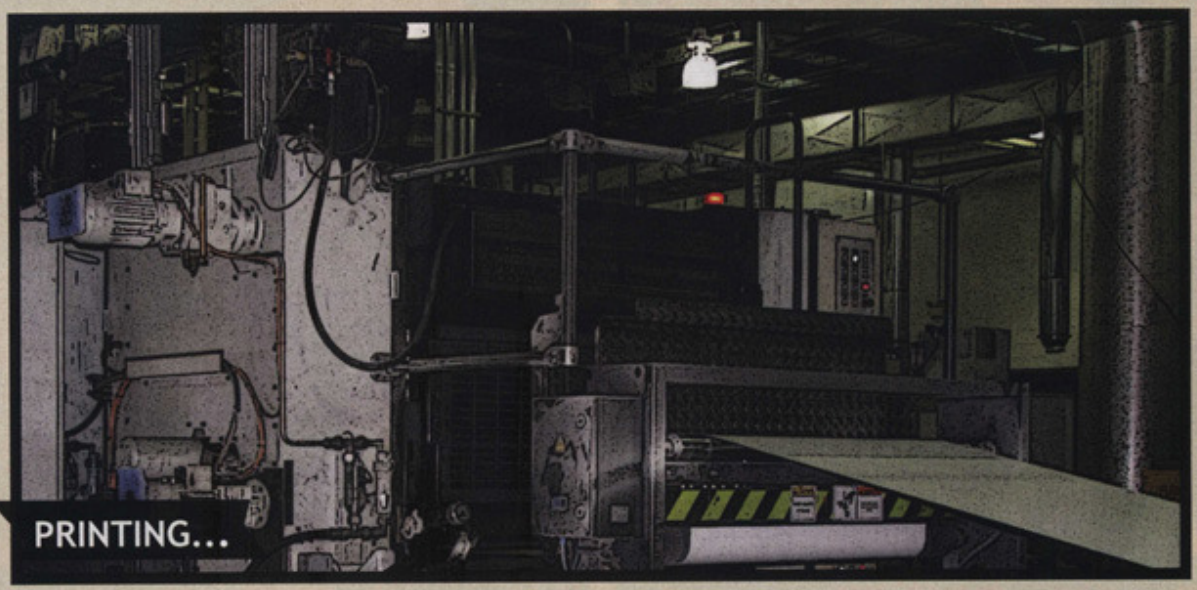
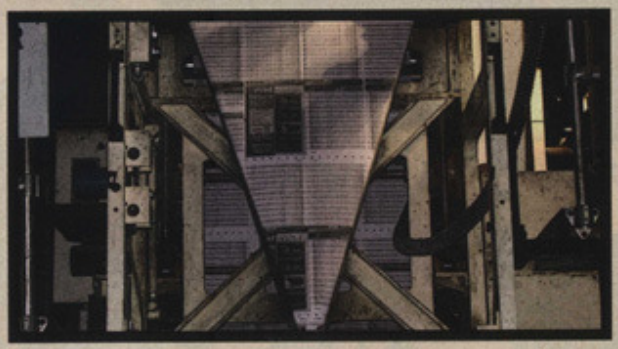
Until then, check out the MEGA MAN GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY AVAILABLE NOW AT YOUR LOCAL COMIC SHOP!

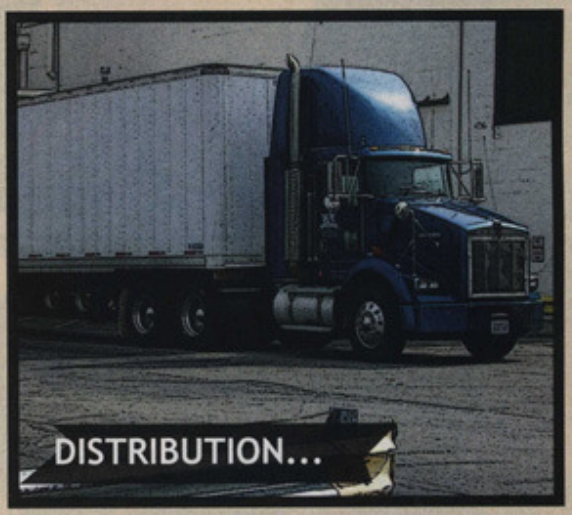
YOU WIN... JUST ... JUST DON'T HIT MY I.C. CHIP.* YOU CAN BREAK ME, JUST...
*INTEGRATED CIRCUIT-- SOURCE OF A ROBOT'S PERSONALITY.
WELCOME INTO THE WORLD, MY BOY!
...JUST DON'T BREAK MY DAD'S HEART.
...NEVER SHOULD'VE PUT YOU IN HARM'S WAY. I'LL FIX YOU UP, GOOD AS NEW, I PROMISE...
I WAS JUST ENJOYING THE TUNE YOU WERE WHISTLING.
SEE MEGA MAN 17-18 FOR THE COMPLETE SAGA OF BREAK MAN -- EDITOR
HE'S THE KIND OF SON ANY MAN WOULD HOPE FOR.

AMAZON JUNGLE...
HAHAHA! UNHAPPY BIRTHDAY, MEGA BRAT! AND WHILE YOU'RE BUSY THERE...
MEGA MAN BATTLES IN DOWNTOWN MEGA CITY
Mayor L. Dorado speech interrupted
DR. WILY EVIL GENIUS
...I'M OFF TO ENACT MY BEST PLAN EVER WITH THE HELP OF MY NEW BEST FRIEND, HA HA HA!
AUGH!
=KOFF!= SO...SO... THAT'S WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE...

C'MON! I NEED YOU ONLINE!
HEH HEH ...SO YOU'RE SHORT-HANDED NOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN DISARMED?
GET UP, OR I'LL BOOT YOU OFF THE ROOF!







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GUYS! WHAT HAPPENED?!
I AM BREAK MAN. I BROKE THEM.
I'LL COVER YOU. YOU GO CALL FOR HELP.
I'M STILL STANDING! YOU FOCUS ON SHOVING THAT SCARF DOWN HIS THROAT!
YOU'VE ENDANGERED THE PEOPLE, HURT MY FRIENDS, BUT WORST OF ALL, THREATENED AND HURT MY FAMILY!
NO SENSE IN HOLDING BACK--YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYONE!

HOLD STILL SO I CAN CRUSH YA!
THERE! I'LL FINISH REPAIRING YOU ONCE I'M BACK AT THE LAB.

GAH!
YOUR TRANSPONDER IS FRIED. GIVE ME JUST A SECOND, BOY...

LOOK, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, I'LL FIGHT YOU!
JUST LET ME TAKE CARE OF MY DOG!
...
YOU TAKE CARE OF RUSH, MISTER ROCK. WE'LL CUT IN FOR NOW.
CUT MAN? DON'T EVEN START, BUD.
Drink MEGA TEA!
MEGA CITY
CUT MAN
GUTS MAN
BOMB MAN
DIBS!

RUSH! SPEAK TO ME, BOY!
WHIIIIII IIIINE...
HANG IN THERE, BUDDY. I'LL TELEPORT YOU BACK TO THE LAB, AND...
AUGH!

MEGA CITY, A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR MEGA MAN IS CUT SHORT BY THE SUDDEN ATTACK OF THE MYSTERIOUS BREAK MAN...
GET BACK HERE! HOW DARE YOU ENDANGER INNOCENT LIVES!
MEGA MAN
SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT
BREAK MAN
AGENT OF DR. WILY (MEGA MAN'S BROTHER -- SHH!)
YIPE!
RUSH!

IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...

Mega Man was not Dr. Light's first attempt at building a super fighting robot. Years ago, Dr. Light built a prototype robot named Blues as part of a military contract to help fund his lab. Light counted this first robot as his "son," and when a training accident and faulty power core nearly destroyed Blues, Light resolved to repair the young robot's inner mechanisms. Blues was afraid the fix would erase who he was and left Light Labs out of self-preservation. Dr. Light's regret over that loss seems to haunt him to this day.

Meanwhile, Dr. Wily has now, unbeknownst to Mega Man, retreated to the Amazon Jungle, where a mysterious new presence called "Ra Moon" has made itself known to the evil genius. Wily has channeled its strange power into building an army of Robot Masters. And then none-other-than Blues emerged from the jungle!

Now dubbed "Break Man," Blues stands at Dr. Wily's side, watching the heroes of Light Labs and his "brother," Mega Man, waiting for the perfect time to strike...

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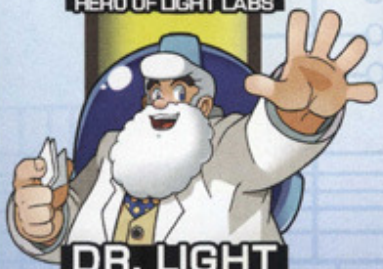
MEGA MAN
HERO OF LIGHT LABS



DR. LIGHT
ROBOTICS GENIUS

DR. WILY
EVIL GENIUS

BREAK MAN
MEGA MAN'S RENEGADE BROTHER

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